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FAILURE DETECTION METHOD,)	
AND COMPUTER PROGRAM)	
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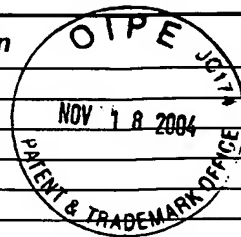
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